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WE "CALL" THE BLUFFER.

The following cheerful announcement has been for a long time at the head of the editorial column of an esteemed newspaper:

The circulation of THE EVENING SUN is larger than that of any other evening paper in the United States.

This modest claim has long served as a source of a naturally perturbed editorial mind and is a narrowing circle of achievement.

But even the factitious game of journalistic bluff has its limits.

The Evening World hereby agrees to pay \$5,000 in cash to the Press Club's charity fund (if, upon thorough examination, it should be ascertained that the claim is true) in the week at least 100 per cent. larger than that of the "Sun" on the same date.

Now, "show hands" or stop your bluffs.

If the above claim is not accepted within ten days we shall increase the percentage!

Public curiosity to know why the Metropolitan Art Museum isn't opened Sunday is rapidly growing to be insatiable. At first it was supposed that some mysterious benefactor of the Museum would incontinently withdraw all the "bigotry and virtue" with which he had enlivened it the moment the doors were opened on the first day of the week to people who couldn't come in on any other. But it is now avowed by the Trustees that no such limitations exist.

Then it was darkly whispered that the Trustees were religiously opposed to the desecration of the Sabbath by allowing idle sightseeing on that day. This is now denied by some of them.

The next reason to vanish into thin air was the alleged antagonism of "the better public opinion." This reason effervesced out of existence as soon as daylight struck it.

There can be no suggestion of a reason in the position of the public press on the question. The leading newspapers of New York, and conspicuously THE EVENING WORLD, have favored Sunday opening from the start.

The conundrum is so far easily in advance, for unobtainable interest, of any submitted in THE EVENING WORLD's prize competition.

Perhaps the janitor won't consent to the Museum's being opened Sunday. If so, is there no way to wrestle with him?

THE RULE IN SHELLEY'S CASE.

Every admirer of our Constitution, which is built on the broad foundations of English jurisprudence, will be faint to hope that Lawyer CHEVILAND, who opens his office in New York to-day, may return with hearty zeal to the study of "The Rule in Shelley's Case."

Thousands of the best and brightest men at the American Bar have not scrupled to ascribe their success in legal life to a thorough understanding of and a deep and loving sympathy with the principle which has immortalized a SHELLEY whose name will live when SHELLEY the poet is forgotten!

It is customary to speak of the Magna Charta as the "bulwark of Anglo-Saxon liberties." But where would they be without SHELLEY and his Rule? We pause for a reply.

Who SHELLEY was and what his case was have ages ago ceased to be material. But his Rule still stands, and unborn generations of lawyers will fall down and worship it. It may rust, but it won't wear out.

Go for it, GROVER!

WORLDLINGS.

The best dressed and "best groomed" man in the British House of Commons is said to be Mr. Joseph Chamberlain.

The income of Herr Krupp, the great gun-maker of Essen, last year was 4,380,000 marks, or nearly \$1,500,000. This sum is larger than the income of the richest of the Rothschilds.

The price paid by Vice-President Morton for the Bell residence in Washington was \$95,000, and he will expend about \$10,000 more on the building in the way of repairs.

President Harrison has received from Gen. Beaver's son several copies of the photograph of the latter taken when the Presidential train was passing through Harrisburg. It was a very successful picture and represents the General, his wife, son and daughter and grand-children on the rear platform of their private car.

OUR AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION.

Accepted the Sorensen Invitation.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

BOSTON, March 7.—The regular meeting of the New England Woman's Press Association was held at the Parker House yesterday afternoon.

It was voted to accept the invitation of the Sorensen Club and to send a delegate to the Convention of women's clubs to be held in New York March 10.

Resolutions upon the death of Miss Mary L. Booth, editor of Harper's Bazaar, were passed.

Found After Twenty-three Years.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

NEW LONDON, Conn., March 7.—Charles E. P. Noyes, at present keeper of the Latimer Reformatory on Long Island Sound, lost a valuable gold ring on the shore on the west side of the harbor twenty-three years ago. Last Saturday Mrs. Nathaniel Noyes found the identical treasure, looking as good as new, and returned it to its former owner.

Bank Burglar Captured.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

BUTTERFORD, Conn., March 7.—John Gilson, the fifth of the gang of burglars that operated in the Newtown Savings Bank, Sandy Hook post-office and several other places in that town Feb. 12, was arrested in this city yesterday. He was taken to Newtown under \$5,000 bonds.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Sold by all druggists. \$1.00 per bottle. Prepared only by C. L. HOOD &amp; CO., Apothecaries, Lowell, Mass.

100 DORSEY ONE DOLLAR

## MUNDANE MATTERS.

Gen. Bédou, the gentleman who got himself into bad odor last year by wanting a part of the Grant estate, now wants \$25,000 from Mark Twain. If there is anything Gen. Bédou wants that he doesn't see, it is believed he will ask for it.

This is Lent. To-morrow will be Friday. A man who won't eat fast on the first Friday in Lent is probably in the fish business himself!

Won't you tell us, Mr. Platt?

Just what is your attitude?

Do you think the Cabinet

Shows a lack of gratitude?

Did you waggishly say that

You'd have liked more latitude

In choosing whether you would stay

Or praise Ben for his platitude?

Class in Contemporary History.

Who struck Billy Patterson? Answers by all—We

do not know. But from the universality of his

other exploits and the ease and freedom with

which he struck everybody for everything, we

suspect it was Prado.

Contractor Smith, who has many friends in this

city anxiously awaiting his return, seems to

have gone and lost himself in the Quaker

City. This is one of the few cases on record of a

New Yorker losing himself in Philadelphia.

Mr. Smith's attorneys ought to be able to clear

him of almost anything now, either on the

ground of temporary aberration or an alibi.

But stay; perhaps Mr. Smith has gone to a

quiet, sequestered spot to monkey with his

name and lose his identity in the Smith family!

Mayor Grant is constantly doing something to

surprise the politicians. It is needless to say

this delights the people. It is principle, not

money, that "makes the Mayor go," and he

goes for big thieves quite as fearlessly as little

ones.

"ANOTHER GOOD RESOLUTION.

The Workmen's Industrial Association

Approves the Children's Bill.

To the Editor of the Evening World:

The Workmen's Industrial Association

to-night at 327 West Forty-first street.

RESOLVED, That we endorse the bill

reviewing the action of police justices in

the commitment of children to institu-

tions, and that, as "The Evening

World" has taken the side of the people

in this, the Saturday Half-Holiday bill

and other measures in the interests of

the people, we should reciprocate by in-

forming that paper.

Resolved, That we protest against the action

of foreign consuls acting as purchasing agents

here for the rebels in Hayti, thus violating

the neutrality laws and enrolling us with a

people against whom we are at peace and whose

accredited representatives we receive.

Resolved, That we request our city officials

to favor, with every means in their power, all

feasible plans for relief and food for the

overcrowded population of our lower wards

may be relieved, and can live in the outer

districts where the air is pure and rent is

cheap. Workingmen's Industrial Association.

March 4.

HOW A YANKEE MAKES MONEY.

Belle Livery Stables in Fashionable Quar-

ters in Order to Be Bought Of.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 7.—Lorenzo B.

Sterling, a thrifty and over-enterprising

farmer from Trumbull, has thrown property

owners here into a state of dread excitement.

Trumbull is a back town. Sterling has

hoarded money for years. Lately he in-

herited a handsome fortune.

With Yankee instinct for trade and barter

he came to Bridgeport and bought up a num-

ber of valuable lots in fashionable quarters

of the city.

Upon these he has erected foundations for

livery stables at different points.

In each he has been handsomely paid to

cease operations and deed over the lot.

Fully a half dozen such stables have been

erected in the most fashionable

quarter of the city.

The people are much incensed, but Sterling

calmly declares his intention of remaining in

the business, as he finds it very profitable.

Free Lectures This Evening.

Another series of free lectures, in accordance

with THE EVENING WORLD's bill, will be given in

seven of the public schools this evening as

follows:

At 216 East One Hundred and Tenth street,

Prof. Linn will lecture on "The American

Machine Shop;" at 208 East Forty-second street,

Prof. G. A. Clement on "Constitutional Law;"

at 208 East Forty-second street, Prof. Helms

on "The Microscope Among Common

Objects;" at 223 West Forty-fourth street,

Prof. Lippinger on "Rights and Duties of

Citizenship;" and at 108 Broadway, Dr.

Roberts on "The Lungs and Their Functions."

More Rapid Ocean Travel Proposed.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)

MONTREAL, March 7.—The Allans have made

proposals to the Government for providing a

rapid service of steamers on the Atlantic to

running connection with the Canadian Pacific Rail-

way, to be established by a number of the firm that

the question involves an expenditure of

\$1,000,000.

Answers to Correspondents.

Jan K. Fred and Henry.—March 20 will be the

first day of Spring.

R. C. W.—I. Apply to one of the Police

Commissioners. 2. Write to the editor of the

R. T. B.—The annual dog show was formerly

held in the American Institute Building.

Daisy.—The word typewriter is used to de-

scribe both the machine and the operator.

A. Van R.—You are wrong. It was certainly

not Andrew Jackson who inaugurated civil-ser-

vice reform.

A. W. E.—George Littlewood won the last

six-day-go-as-you-please foot race at Madison

Square Garden.

Subscriber.—The three largest cities of the

earth, according to population, are London, es-

timated at 4,215,000; Paris, estimated at

3,000,000; and Canton, estimated at 1,600,

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